

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 16 as follows:

--FIG. 3 is a longitudinal section of a process cartridge according to this embodiment and taken front from the lefthand side face with respect to the front face of the apparatus; --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 9, as follows:

--The developing device 4 is driven to rotate simultaneously as the electrostatic latent image is formed, to move a developing cartridge 4Y of the yellow **Yellow** color to a developing position. A developing roller acting as process means develops the electrostatic latent image formed on the photosensitive drum 1, by applying yellow **Yellow** toner thereto. --.

Please amend the paragraph starting page 9, line 16 as follows:

-- After this, a bias voltage having the reversed polarity of the toner is applied to a holding roller (or a primary transfer roller) 5j, which is arranged to confront the photosensitive drum 1 across the transfer belt 5a. As a result, the yellow **Yellow** toner image on the photosensitive drum 1 is primarily transferred to the transfer belt 5a.--.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 23 as follows:

-- When the primary transfer of the yellow **Yellow** toner image was thus ended, a next developer cartridge (4M) of the developing device 4 is rotationally moved to the developing position confronting the photosensitive drum 1. The foregoing steps of forming, developing the electrostatic latent image and primarily transferring are sequentially repeated for the individual

colors of Magenta (M), Cyan (C) and Black (Bk). As a result, the four color toner images are superposed on the intermediate transfer belt 5a. --.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 3 as follows:

--The developing cartridges 4 (4Bk, 4M, 4C and 4Y) containing the toners of the individual colors ~~Black, Magenta, Yellow and Cyan~~ black, magenta, yellow, and cyan are fixed at predetermined positions in a developing rotary unit 30. This rotary unit 30 rotates on its center pin, and this center pin is provided on its two sides with not-shown circular rotary flanges, on which the developing cartridges 4 are removably fixed. --.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 11, as follows:

-- By this fixed arrangement, the developing cartridge 4 does not come out of the rotary unit 30 even when this rotary unit 30 rotates. The developing cartridge 4 is pulled out with a not-shown grip, when it is to be extracted to the outside of a main body 100 of an apparatus. The developing cartridge 4 is retained on the two flanges of the rotary unit 30 by means of torsional coil springs. As a result, the developing cartridge 4 can be attached to/detached from the rotary unit 30 by the operation of the operator. --.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 5 as follows:

-- The thinned tinned toner on the developing roller 4a1 is conveyed to the developing portion by the rotation of the developing roller 4a1. And, a predetermined developing bias is

applied to the developing roller 4a1. As a result, the electrostatic latent image formed on the photosensitive drum 1 is visualized as the toner image. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 14, line 2 as follows:

--In the process cartridge 5, as shown in FIG. 3, a photosensitive member unit 20 is arranged on the protrusion protruding upper face of an intermediate transfer unit 21. On the lefthand side face, as viewed from the apparatus front face, of the photosensitive member unit 20, moreover, there is arranged the waste toner box portion 216 of an integral construction. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 25, line 5 as follows:

-- The charging roller 2 is biased to contact ~~with~~ the photosensitive drum 1 through the bearings 125 at the two ends by a predetermined force of the compression springs 126, as has been described hereinbefore. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 28, line 16 as follows:

--The protective portions 504 and 604 are formed into a half-moon shape. As a result, the protective portions 504 and 604 cover covers the righthand bearing 106 and the lefthand bearing 102 of the photosensitive member unit 20, i.e., the mounting and positioning portions of the cartridge 5 in the main body 100, from the side of the direction to insert the cartridge 5 into the apparatus body 100. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 29, line 12 as follows:

--Here in this embodiment, the protective portions 504 and 604 interfere with the guide portion of the main body 100 thereby to ensure that spacing release. Without the protective portions 504 and 604, however, the directions for the spacing members 500 and 600 to be inserted into and extracted from the cartridge 5 are generally perpendicular to the opening and closing directions of the shutter member 119. Even when the cartridge 5 is to be mounted in the main body 100 without detaching the spacing members 500 and 600, therefore, the shutter member 119 is held at the closed position so that the cartridge 5 cannot be mounted in main body 100. As a result, the operator is required to remove the spacing members 500 and 600 from the cartridge 5 so that a similar effect can also be exhibited for preventing the operator from forgetting the prevention to forget to remove the spacing members 500 and 600. --.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 30, line 22, as follows:

--Here, this embodiment has been described for ~~on~~ the example, in which the paired spacing members are used for ensuring the spacing more reliably. However, the construction may be modified by using only one spacing member, so long as it can space the photosensitive drum 1 and the charging roller 2. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 33, line 8, as follows:

--Here, the cartridge 5 with the spacing member 700 of the second embodiment is mounted in the main body 100. At the joint portion 120b, the protecting portion 705 then interferes with the first abutting portion of the apparatus body 100. Therefore, the shutter member

119 cannot ~~starts~~ start its opening action. In the construction thus far described, the protecting portion 705 interferes with the first abutting portion so that the spacing member 700 can be reliably prevented from being forgotten to be removed. In addition, the arm portion 120 is not brought into abutment against the first abutting portion by the protecting portion 705. Therefore, the arm portion 120 is not broken, even if the cartridge 5 with the spacing member 700 is to be erroneously mounted in the main body 100. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 34, line 2 as follows:

--According to this embodiment thus far described, while the cartridge 5 is being unused, the photosensitive drum 1 and the charging roller 2 are spaced from each other. Therefore, it is possible to eliminate the horizontal unevenness evenness of charge, which might otherwise be caused due to the deformation of the charging roller 2 when the cartridge 5 is stored without any action for a long time, or ~~the~~ image inconsistencies, which are caused by the sliding variations between the photosensitive drum 1 and the charging roller 2 due to the vibrations at the physical distribution time or the like. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 34, line 23 as follows:

--With the spacing members 500 and 600 being attached to the cartridge 5, moreover, the protective portions 504 and 604 of the spacing members 500 and 600 interfere with the guide portion of the main body 100 when the cartridge 5 is to be mounted in the main body 100. This makes it necessary to remove the spacing members 500 and 600. Therefore, it is possible to reliably prevent the operator from forgetting to remove the spacing members 500 and 600

~~reliably from being forgotten from being removed~~ from the cartridge 5. In other words, the spacing between the photosensitive drum 1 and the charging roller 2 can be reliably released when the cartridge 5 is to be mounted in the main body 100. --